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The Honorable Cham Curney
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

There is submitted herewith the draft of a proposed bill "To provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Section 102, National Security Act of 1947, and for other purposes."

The primary purpose of this legislation is to provide authorities necessary for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency. The basic provisions cover the Agency's problems of procurement; travel, allowances and related expenses; general authorities; and appropriations language.

It is provided in Section 3 that certain provisions of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413, 80th Congress) be extended to the Agency. This is requested on the basis of difficulties which have been experienced in supplying the peculiar needs of an intelligence service.

Inasmuch as the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned with the coordination and production of foreign intelligence pertaining to the national security, there will be frequent need for overseas travel, occasional overseas assignment and, in certain cases, the establishment of overseas posts. In the light of our desire that employment in the Central Intelligence Agency be regarded as a career service, it is felt that the Agency has a problem similar to that faced by the Foreign Service in the assignment of personnel to duty abroad, and authorities similar to those granted in the Foreign Service Act of 1946 are necessary to the development of an intelligence career staff. (Section 5)